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SUBJECT: FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION COUNTERVAILING MEASURES
AGAINST GUATEMALAN SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION

REF: A) STATE 244733, B) GUATEMALA 6477

1. U.S.-FLAG SHIPPING LINES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON
A JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A COMMERCIAL SOLUTION TO THE GUATE-
MALAN SHIPPING DISPUTE. THEREFORE, WE EXPECT THE FMC WILL
VOTE ON A SECTION 19 FINAL RULE IMPOSING COUNTERVAILING
MEASURES ON GUATEMALAN-FLAG SHIPPING LINES AT THE END OF
THE 45-DAY PERIOD MENTIONED REFTTEL A. VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE
IN LATE NOVEMBER, AND IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WOULD
PROBABLY FOLLOW IN A FEW DAYS ALONG WITH PUBLICATION OF
THE FINAL RULE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

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2. IN THE ABSENCE OF A PROMPT TERMINATION OF THE DISCRIMI-
NATION IMPOSED BY GUATEMALA IN THE U.S. OCEAN COMMERCE, WE
REGARD IT AS A CERTAINTY THAT THE COMMISSION WILL VOTE IN
FAVOR OF COUNTERVAILING MEASURES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM GOG THAT

FMC VOTE ON COUNTERVAILING MEASURES IS IMMINENT, AND THAT
DEPARTMENT IS CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF AVOID-
ING IMPOSITION OF THESE MEASURES IS THROUGH PROMPT
GUATEMALAN ACTION TO END THE DISCRIMINATORY TREAT-
MENT BEING IMPOSED ON U.S.-FLAG AND OTHER CARRIERS IN
THE U.S. OCEAN COMMERCE. VANCE

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